

## "BIG BUSINESS" TAKES INITIATIVE

Other Corporations Show Disposition to Comply With Spirit of Law.

Washington, December 22.—President Wilson let it be known to-day that some other corporations besides the American Telephone and Telegraph Company had shown disposition to take the initiative in reorganization to conform with the Sherman antitrust law.

The President did not specify what corporations he referred to, though in informal discussion of the subject with visitors he spoke of having some in mind. He reiterated that there seemed to be a very general disposition to inquire what the law was, to know what would be expected of "big business," and a desire to comply with the spirit of the law.

Mr. Wilson made it clear that it would be the policy of his administration to encourage, if it were possible, an intimate understanding of the law by the business men of the country, and that the executive departments did not want to raise barriers against those who wanted to obey the law. The President pointed out that the Attorney-General would co-operate and heartily desired and welcomed the impulse on the part of business to take the initiative.

Show by Example.

The President indicated in his manner of discussion that he hoped the government had shown by example in the American Telephone and Telegraph settlement what might be expected as the future course of his administration.

He has been conferring with congressional leaders on the antitrust subject, and will read a special message to Congress after he returns from his vacation, in which he will point to the necessity of a rigid enforcement of the Sherman law, and will endeavor to make clear the interpretation of that statute which the Department of Justice will follow.

He has no confidence that the business men of the country will co-operate with the government in securing a compliance with the Sherman law, as is expected to be sounded in the President's remarks. He will indicate the manner in which the administration will approach the subject, and express his realization of the delicacy of the task and the necessity for cautious treatment of it because of its intimate relation to business conditions of the country.

Department of Justice officials declare that representatives of business concerns are calling daily to learn what they can or cannot do under the law. White officials stated that prosecutions would not be discontinued while the administration continued co-operation would be used where possible to secure observance of the law.

The department is at work on plans submitted by other corporations for friendly settlements, just which ones they are was not divulged.

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Russia is being recognized as the best market for flying machines, and the Paris press is full of criticism for the failure of France's ally to encourage the French aeroplane industry with some of the valuable orders that are going to American firms.

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When the remittance stopped she was absolutely penniless. The situation of these children is distressing. They are in danger of being turned out of their rooms if the people there become aware of the case.

Secretary Van Duzen of the American Society promises to look into the matter. The woman told me she was born in London since October 1. She came here to get medical advice for her son aged sixteen, who had been injured on the football field, with the result that his digestion was affected. The other children are girls, aged fourteen and fifteen.

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## TREHY DISCLAIMS ILLEGAL VOTING

His Attorneys Hope to Prove Improper Ballots Went to Contestants.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., December 22.—Lawyers for James V. Trehy and B. Gray Tunstall, in to-day's proceedings in the election contest hearing, endeavored to get alleged illegal voters to tell for whom they voted on November 4. It is contended by counsel for Trehy and Tunstall that men accused of voting illegally in the old First Ward cast their ballot for Citizens' party candidates.

The attorneys contend that an illegal voter can be made to tell for whom or how he voted. Counsel for the Citizens' party objected to witnesses telling for whom they voted. Judge Chichester upheld the objection, but allowed for Trehy and Tunstall the right to argue the question later.

It is apparently the intention of the Trehy-Tunstall lawyers to show that there was no illegal voting in the interest of their clients, but that the men who are contesting the election received the illegal votes, if there were any.

The hearing will adjourn to-morrow until December 29.

Counsel for Trehy and Tunstall, in fitting their answer to charges made by the contestants, specified a number of incidents returning majorities for R. W. P. Green, alleging that illegal votes were cast for the defeated Citizens' party candidate.

Judge Chichester, who has shown a desire to get at the bottom of the whole affair, may order an investigation into the conduct of the election in all precincts of the city. He could, it is claimed, order another election.

If the return from the precincts in which counsel for Trehy charged illegal votes were cast, should be thrown out, it would mean the defeat of J. B. Jones, the Citizens' party candidate for City Collector, who was elected by a majority in 1907, and also Claude W. Hines, who defeated John F. Lawley for city sergeant by about 500 majority.

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## AMERICAN WOMAN IN LONDON JAIL

Held on Charge of Fraudulently Obtaining Credit at Hotel.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, December 22.—A mysterious American woman, whose identity is uncertain, finds herself in Holloway Jail to-night after arraignment in Bow Street on a charge of having fraudulently obtained credit at the Waldorf Hotel. She was unable to find £250 both and hence was remanded in custody.

The woman was arraigned under the name of Hannah Gordon Watson, J. Arthur Barrett, the barrister, who tried the case on behalf of the American embassy, said to-night that she claimed to be the widow of Sheridan Pitt Read, formerly United States consul at Tientsin, China, and a native of John F. Foster, formerly Consul of the State. Mr. Barrett formerly

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At the home of her parents, Captain and Mrs. J. Wyatt, 609 West Twenty-fourth Street, Woodland Heights, Miss Elsie Sherif, wife of Herbert Morer, instituted proceedings against the P. Sanford Ross Company, a corporation of New Jersey, to recover £16,666 for the death of Charles W. Hill upon whose estate he is the administrator.

Through his attorney, Hudson Cary, Simeon Duncan filed suit for \$2,000 against the Richmond Forgings Corporation.

Oscar Ellis filed suit against the Phil G. Kelly Company for \$2,000 damages.

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To Provide for Children.

The poor children of the Southside will not be overlooked this week, but will be provided for and everything done to give them a joyous Christmas.

Committee of women has been organized to meet this morning for the Bethany Home, where orphans are taken care of, and the youngsters are expecting a good time.

L. Toney, owner of the Pastime Theatre, will throw open his playhouse to children who are unable to pay on Christmas. Southside "Newfies" will also be given a treat on Christmas afternoon at the Victoria Theatre.

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The officers are not inclined to believe that it was placed there with malicious intent, but think it was stored there by some thoughtless person. It is believed the old man who owned the property, who died last year, left it there.

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